Citizens Clean Elections Commission Executive Director Report July 10, 2006 (For the 7/13/06 meeting)

Announcements

- On June 28th, I testified in Santa Fe, New Mexico before the Governor's Campaign Finance Reform Taskforce, at their invitation.
- Due to the unavailability of the contracted CPA vendor Miller, Allen & Company, P.C., staff had to work with Enterprise Procurement Department to obtain a CPA firm that could perform auditing and accounting services for the Napolitano audit. The scope of work for the current state contracted audit contract was approved by the Commission in 2003. The firm that was awarded the contract for auditing and accounting services for the Napolitano audit is Fester & Chapman P.C. Fester expects to be finished with the Napolitano audit shortly.
- The contract for graphic design services for the Candidate Statement Pamphlet was sent out for resolicitation this past spring and was awarded again to Tieken/Moret Design & Marketing by Enterprise Procurement Department. Mike Becker has been working closely with Tieken/Moret Design & Marketing to get the proofs to the printer on time.

Participation

• We currently have 141 participating candidates for the 2006 election cycle. We have disbursed funds to 65 candidates totaling \$2.1 million. Recently a few participating candidates terminated participation after races became uncontested.

Budget

• The Fund Balance is \$32.3 million as of June 30, 2006.

Voter Education

- Candidate Statement Pamphlets 186 candidates are participating in the statement pamphlet which is being printed and will be shipped on July 21st to every household in AZ with at least one registered voter.
- Debates primary debates have begun in Districts 9, 11, 16, 22 and 29 and will continue until August 3rd.
- Workshops have completed 34 workshops.

Enforcement

- 2006 Four Complaints total
 - o One noncompliant complaint
 - o Three pending complaints:
 - Napolitano –Audit in progress.
 - Munsil Recommendation on whether or not there is reason to believe a violation occurred.
 - Chase Recommendation on whether or not there is reason to believe a violation occurred.
- 2004 81 complaints total.
 - o 1 under investigation (Murphy).
 - Representative Murphy requested a administrative hearing (Scheduled ?).
 - Peggy Toomey Hamman agreed to a payment plan, the draft is in your packet for approval.
 - o 80 completed and closed.